

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
David Silva, Acting City Attorney
Christopher Lopez, Interim Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to keep all the kids, coaches and parents safe who are in sports that go out of town almost every Friday and to say a prayer for all of them.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero
Vincent Howell

Yes
Yes

Barbara Casey
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

Yes
Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marshall Poole advised the animal welfare coalition took in one hundred and fifty seven animals, and ninety one of those dogs came in unidentified and one hundred of those dogs had no evidence of rabies vaccination. Mr. Poole stated ninety percent of all dogs that are taken in are not identified, have no evidence of rabies vaccination or are not spayed or neutered. Mr. Poole advised they returned forty three animals to their owner or guardians, twenty six animals were adopted locally and they trapped fifty three cats and were sent for spaying and neutering. Mr. Poole advised they transported eighty eight dogs and cats to five different agencies for adoption.

Mr. Poole advised they had six bite holds last month which is unusually high and if an animal bites someone and does not have a certified rabies vaccination then animal control takes them to the animal shelter for a ten day hold to observe them for rabies. Mr. Poole advised if an animal does have rabies and is communicable it won't show up in a human till much later. Mr. Poole advised they transported seventeen citizen owned dogs at a low cost of twenty five dollars or no cost for spaying and neutering and also transported ten strays or owner surrendered animals for spay and neutering.

Mr. Poole advised the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine certified the shelter and the shelter director to operate a municipal shelter and the board requires standards and they expected to have inspections within the next year. Mr. Poole advised there are two new Animal Control Officers, Alex Allington and Jeremiah Gutierrez and during their first week they took in sixteen animals and they will also be going to an ACO certification training in October with the shelter providing their tuition. Mr. Poole advised there will be two community fairs complete with a veterinarian and dogs and cats will get a rabies vaccine and any other shots needed at a price of five dollars a pet.

Councilor Howell congratulated Mr. Poole on their certification and advised that he and the AWC are doing a fantastic job.

Mr. Poole advised they will be ready for the inspection from the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Councilor Howell advised he knows the AWC are treating animals with passion and care.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón commended Mr. Poole on the incredible work, leadership and professionalism that he has brought to the AWC and the difference he has made.

Wid Slick spoke about how the City had the foresight to plan out the redevelopment and public infrastructure needed in the railroad district many years ago. Mr. Slick advised the new capital outlay opportunity came out through the Economic and Mainstreet departments and because of the prior planning and construction ready plans, Las Vegas is not only eligible but also on the short list. Mr. Slick advised the problem with it is a short timeline but hopefully there are ways to fast track it. Mr. Slick advised he hopes staff can work with them and it would be a City proposal with funding in two stages, stage one is due September 28, which the City would need to certify that they are willing to accept the money and manage it and then a full formal resolution from council is needed to move forward.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. Slick and stated Interim City Manager Ann Marie Gallegos has been working on it for two or three years.

Interim City Manager Gallegos stated it is a shovel ready project.

Discussion Items

1. Award Bid #2019-01 to Electric Horsemen Inc. for the Las Vegas Municipal Airport Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) installation.

Interim Public Works Director Danny Gurule advised Electric Horsemen was the lowest bid by almost one thousand dollars.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised the bids are put out by the FAA State Office and then brought to Mayor and Council.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. OCCAM Engineers Inc. task order-Las Vegas leak detection phase 2.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised OCCAM Engineers is operating under STANTEC and will perform leak detection services, and the company will use sounding equipment approximately one hundred twenty four miles of their distribution lines in which a majority of them are inside city limits. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised they want to make sure they are catching leaks before they are tremendous leaks that impact the community. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised phase one was done in 2012 and they were able to determine a lot of areas in town that were leaking and were not visible, they were able to repair many of them and are still in the process.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised the company uses sounding equipment and they go around town listening at the valves and hydrants for flowing water. A lot of the work is done late at night while people are sleeping so they can pinpoint leaks. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised the company is able to estimate the size of the leak and then a technical report is done with a plan of action for the City to address each of the leaks based on the impact to the City.

Councilor Howell asked if the item was the same item from the ICIP plan for Annual Leak Detection.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it is on the ICIP Plan in perpetuity and will be done every several years, the ICIP item covers the entire leak detection process that includes repair, replacement and future assessments, while this item is a small part of that.

Discussion and questions took place regarding how much both projects will cost and the feasibility.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Award request for bid #2018-24 for the 8th Street and Hospital/Chico Drive waterline project to Hays Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised the project was developed after the last leak detection process. Along 8th street there is a deteriorating line with

numerous patches, the plan is to install a brand new line on the edge of the roadway so it's easier if repairs are needed in the future, instead of tearing up sidewalks or properties.

Councilor Casey asked if the project was budgeted.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it is budgeted and has six thousand dollars in funding that has been approved and accepted.

Councilor Howell advised about flooding in the area due to rain and asked if they would be doing drainage in the area of Chico Drive, Harris and Terrace.

Discussion and questions took place regarding drainage not being part of the plans and what they can do to get that done.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Out of State Travel to Washington D.C..

Interim Police Chief Chris Lopez advised approval for Grants Manager Beatrice Salazar to go to Washington D.C. for advanced financial management training which is required bi-annually and would help the department and the City to obtain other grants and manage the ones they do get.

Councilor Howell advised it would be a great opportunity for talking points.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised looking at other types of grants and Grants Manager Salazar being familiar with writing grants will be assisting the Recreation Center with writing their grants also.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Application for 2018 JAG Distribution Grant for Las Vegas Police Department and San Miguel County Sheriff's Office in order to purchase supplies.

Interim Police Chief Chris Lopez advised they receive funding on a yearly basis and have to partner with the San Miguel Sheriff's Office which is then split fifty fifty.

Interim Police Chief Lopez advised their share would be used for equipment for Officers' duty belts and the Sheriff's Office will be asking for bulletproof vests.

Councilor Howell asked if an Officer has to go back to the office to type out a report or if they can use the computers in their vehicles.

Interim Police Chief Lopez advised they have to go back to the office to do their reporting, but they are trying to work on getting laptops that have their reporting system accessible to them and do reports away from the office.

Councilor Howell asked if there was wifi available for laptops.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the cost and the efficiency to get laptops and the reporting systems accessible for Officers.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised it will be taken to Mayor and Council once they define a plan they think is feasible.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., asked if Officers carry body cameras.

Interim Police Chief Lopez advised they do but the ones they have are starting to become outdated so they are looking for ways to purchase new ones but if they do not have enough body cameras for everyone then Officers carry a recording device.

Councilor Romero asked if the count of Officers between the City of Las Vegas and the Sheriff's Office makes a difference with their split of fifty fifty.

Interim Police Chief Lopez advised yes but it is a requirement of the grant itself.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Resolution No. 18-36 declaring drug abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction, a public health crisis in the City of Las Vegas, NM.

Interim Police Chief Chris Lopez advised they are finalizing their plan for the Northeastern Regional Treatment facility and have a lot of partners who are involved in it. Interim Police Chief Lopez advised the local government must be at

the forefront of the initiative to show their support for the resolution and also from the City.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised the resolution be read into the record.

Interim Police Chief Lopez read resolution No. 18-36 declaring drug abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction, a public health crisis in the City of Las Vegas, NM into the record.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised it was a good resolution and asked if all the requirements that were stated in the resolution had been met.

Interim Police Chief Lopez advised yes and the resolution is a requirement to receive a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area designation and with that they could receive more resources and more federal assistance.

Councilor Romero thanked Interim Police Chief Lopez and advised he's been an important part and isn't sure what his future holds and if he's staying with the Police Department.

Discussion took place regarding how long Interim Police Chief Lopez would be staying with the City and his continued involvement with this public health crisis.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the input from schools about the possibility of using one of their sites.

Discussion took place regarding positive impacts and the importance of the location.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Resolution #18-38, 2020-2024 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the City of Las Vegas Senior Center.

Senior Center Manager Wanda Salazar advised senior centers are primarily funded through aging and long term services and there is a separation from the State that has incorporated the senior programs throughout the State.

Discussion took place regarding eight projects for the Las Vegas Senior Center ranked for 2020-2023.

Discussion took place regarding seven projects for the Pecos Senior Center ranked for 2020-2023.

Senior Center Manager Salazar advised some of the items will be going through the legislature to request funding.

Discussion took place regarding six projects for the San Miguel Senior Center ranked for 2020-2023.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., asked if they were going to do landscaping in the Las Vegas area.

Senior Center Manager Salazar advised yes.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., asked if they were also going to put sidewalks instead of walking through the middle of the parking lot.

Senior Center Manager Salazar advised yes, the plan is to do a roundabout with sidewalks.

Councilor Howell asked how much was budgeted for a bingo machine.

Senior Center Manager Salazar advised a good quality bingo machine is about ten thousand dollars. Senior Center Manager Salazar advised for Pecos she asked for ten thousand but for San Miguel she asked for five thousand. Senior Center Manager Salazar advised a five thousand dollar one can also get a good machine but it might not have everything compared to the ten thousand dollar machine.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:


Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara Casey	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk